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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

CREECH et al.

Application No.: 09/927,267

Filed: August 10, 2001

For: CNG2B: A NOVEL HUMAN  
CYCLIC NUCLEOTIDE-GATED ION  
CHANNEL

Customer No.: 20350

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 16, 2003, on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition to extend time to respond for three months, from December 16, 2003, to March 16, 2004, is filed herewith. Also filed concurrently is a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 by Dr. Zhixin Lin. A Notice of Appeal pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.191(a) is further filed herewith.

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Amdt. dated March 3, 2004

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.